

Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

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(Weeks of August 29 – September 13, 2016)

This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks; however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones issued a Savanna man a citation for hunting geese in possession of lead shot.

CPO Jones issued a Kingston man a citation for failure to have enough life jackets in his canoe for everyone on board.

CPO Jones arrested a Savanna man for possession of a firearm while denied FOID.

| HENRY COUNTY |
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| Nothing reported. |
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| JO DAVIESS |
| Nothing reported. |
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| LEE COUNTY |
| Nothing reported. |
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| MERCER COUNTY |
| Nothing reported. |

OGLE COUNTY

While on patrol in Ogle County, CPO Teas discovered a pile of trash dumped in a ditch. In the pile, CPO Teas found several boxes which had the same name and address on them. The following day, CPO Teas went to the address found in the trash and learned the person whose name was found on the trash no longer lived there. Further, the house was under new ownership and being renovated. The CPO spoke with the new owner and asked if the previous owner had left items behind when they moved. The owner informed the CPO there was a large amount of stuff left in the house

when he bought it. It was soon learned that the new owner had cleaned it all out and paid one of his employees to properly dispose of the items. Instead, the employee kept the money and threw all of the garbage out in a ditch in the country using his boss' truck. The employee was issued a citation for the dumping and instructed to clean it up and properly dispose of it.

CPO Teas cited a subject for possession of an undersized smallmouth bass on the Rock River in Ogle County.

CPOs Teas and Beltran were on boat patrol on the Rock River in Ogle County conducting a boat safety inspection near the Byron Ramp when they observed a subject on a PWC operate very quickly through the no wake boat ramp area and speed toward another boat. As the PWC approached the boat the operator turned sharply and sprayed the passengers in the boat with water. The operator on the PWC was instructed to return to the ramp. When asked what he was doing, the operator informed the CPOs the subject in the boat was his brother. The subject was issued a citation and a warning for his actions and instructed not to do it again.

CPO Beltran was observing 4 subjects smoking cannabis at their campsite in plain view. When CPO Beltran approached and identified himself he secured the hot bowl, cannabis wax, and cannabis as evidence. Cannabis has been decriminalized and a \$120 civil citation was issued.

Two men and a 14 year old boy were boating on the Rock River when CPO Beltran and CPO Teas performed a safety inspection. Cannabis and drug paraphernalia were in plain view and Officer Beltran secured it as well as an electronic cigarette with cannabis oil. When issuing the citation for boating violations and a civil citation for cannabis the man became surprised. CPO Beltran explained that doing drugs and drinking while boating was not a good idea especially in the presence of a 14 year old boy. The man agreed and accepted his ticket and civil violations.

ROCK ISLAND COUNTY

CPO Posateri heard the radio call go out to a state trooper for dead fish scattered on the interstate. The trooper responded and advised they were Asian Carp. CPO Posateri proceeded to head toward IL RTE 84 guessing they would be en route to Schaffer's Fish Products in Thomson, IL. The trooper caught up to a pickup truck with an open cargo trailer full of dead Asian Carp. The driver said he avoided a collision after a semi nearly side swiped him. The evasive maneuvers caused the load to shift slightly and some of the fish went over the sideboards. There were IDNR violations; however the driver received a written warning notice of violation for unsecure load.

CPO Jones arrested a Carol Stream man for possession of live rusty crayfish.

CPOs Teas and Posateri were on boat patrol on the Mississippi River in Rock Island County and stopped a boat for a safety compliance check. When the CPOs approached the boat, CPO Teas observed drug paraphernalia on the floor of the boat under the driver's console; soon more cannabis and paraphernalia were located on the boat. The operator told the CPOs he had recently purchased the boat and had applied for registration but had forgotten his paperwork at home. When a registration check was done on the boat it showed the registration had expired in 2016 but the sticker on the boat showed an expiration of 2018 and had different registration numbers. When asked about the issue, the operator told the CPOs he had taken a sticker off of another one of their boats and placed it on this one to make it appear valid. CPO Teas issued the operator citations for possession of cannabis, drug paraphernalia, and for the registration violations.

CPO Teas cited a subject for passengers under 13 not wearing PFDs while on boat patrol on the Mississippi River in Rock Island County.

STEPHENSON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WHITESIDE COUNTY

CPO Palumbo observed a small flat bottom boat fishing near the upper dam on the Rock River between Sterling and Rock Falls. A compliance check was conducted and it was discovered that the vessel did not have any personal flotation devices, fire extinguisher, or a sounding device on board. The operator also failed to transfer the registration into his name. He and his passenger got off the water and the operator was issued citations and written warnings.

While on ATV patrol at Big Bend Fish and Wildlife Area during the opening weekend of Illinois' Dove season, CPO Palumbo discovered a hunter from the town of Kildeer hunting without a hunting license and habitat stamp. The hunter was also using lead shot which is prohibited at Big Bend. Citations and written warnings were issued. Written warnings were also issued to other hunters for HIP and Habitat stamp violations.

While investigating an abandoned boat complaint, CPO Palumbo located a beached, unnumbered boat on the Rock River in a remote area of the county. The boat appeared to be hidden and not abandoned. Not far from the boat was an unmarked live box containing 3 large flathead catfish and one big channel cat. Illinois law requires that live boxes be labeled with name and address. Coincidentally, there was a local catfish tournament being held the following morning. The Catfish were released and the live box was seized. Further investigation resulted in the Prophetstown owner of the boat and the Carbon Cliff fisherman being located. The boat owner was charged with failure to transfer certificate of number and issued a written warning for criminal trespass. The fisherman was issued a citation for unlawful use of an unlabeled live box. Neither claimed to have knowledge of, or know anyone, in the catfish tournament.

<u>District 6</u> – Sgt. Phil Wire

(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)

BOONE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

BUREAU COUNTY

CPO Finn and CPO Filipiak were on a boat patrol of the Illinois River when a small boat was observed operating in an erratic manner. The boat was stopped and the operator was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The boat was towed back to shore and the operator was put through field sobriety. The operator refused to comply and was issued citations for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol and not having enough wearable life jackets. The owner of the boat was cited for allowing an impaired person to operate his boat.

DEKALB COUNTY

CPO Murry was driving through Shabbona, when he observed a subject driving who he knew to be suspended. CPO Murry had previously issued the male subject a DUI in April and had seen him driving numerous times, each time while off duty or while en route to emergency calls for service. CPO Murry stopped the driver and arrested him for driving while license suspended.

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Filipiak was on numerous foot patrols at Starved Rock, Buffalo Rock and Matthiessen State Parks:

- 2 individuals were issued a citation for possession of alcohol on the trails at the state parks
- 12 individuals were issued citations for entry, climbing, swimming in restricted areas
- 7 individuals were issued civil penalties for possession of drug paraphernalia and less than 10g cannabis

CPO Filipiak was on a boat patrol and issued multiple citations for:

Owner of a motor boat allowing an individual to operate his boat while under the influence of alcohol,

failure to have enough PFD's on board, operation of a motor boat overloaded, expired boat registration.

CPO Filipiak was focusing on dove hunting and issued multiple citations and written warnings for:

Dove hunting with no valid hunting license, dove hunting with an unplugged shotgun, dove hunting with no HIP registration.

Unlawful take of doves, dove hunting with no valid habitat stamp, hunting doves with no valid hunting license.

CPO Filipiak was focusing on Ginseng enforcement and issued multiple citations for:

Harvest of ginseng with no ginseng license, failure to replant barriers of harvested ginseng, harvesting plants less than 10 years old, destruction of vegetation in a state park

CPO Filipiak was on numerous sport fishing checks which led to:

- 4 individuals were issued citations for fishing with no valid fishing license
- 4 Individuals were fishing without permission on private land
- 1 Individual was issued citation for being in possession of short small mouth bass
- 1 individual was arrested for resisting a police officer while attempting to run

CPO Finn was informed of a theft at the Starved Rock Lodge. After interviewing those involved and watching hours of video it was determined that a juvenile had stolen approximately \$3200 worth of TV equipment. An interview was conducted and the juvenile admitted to stealing the equipment. Felony theft and obstructing a police officer charges have been filed.

PUTNAM COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

CPO Fraser met with a suspect in a credit card theft case which occurred at a vendor in Rock Cut State Park. The suspect admitted to using a credit card he found and believed since he repaid the victim no charges would be brought against him. The suspect was in utter disbelief when he was charged with theft under \$500 and given a mandatory court appearance.

CPO Fraser received a call from two concerned fishermen who stated they saw an eagle acting strangely in the shallow water at the confluence of the Rock and Pecatonica Rivers. The anglers offered to meet CPO Fraser and give him a ride on their boat to the location. Upon seeing the juvenile bald eagle it was immediately apparent something was wrong, the eagle could not fly and was walking around in the shallow water near the bank of the river. With the assistance of the anglers CPO Fraser was able to capture the bald eagle and transport it to a local rehabilitator, Hoo Haven. At the rehabilitator CPO Fraser learned the eagle had minor wing injuries and was severely malnourished, the eagle was left in the care of Hoo Haven.

CPO Fraser assisted ISP and other local agencies with several criminal complaints including a domestic violence call, fleeing suspects, suicidal suspects, shots fired, and armed suspects.

While patrolling Rock Cut State Park on foot utilizing night vision to crack down on drug use and public sexual acts, CPO Fraser saw a bright flash of light coming from an otherwise dark parked vehicle. Upon approaching the vehicle CPO Fraser spotted a freshly smoked cigarette butt on the ground. CPO Fraser spoke with the passenger of the vehicle who admitted to throwing the cigarette out the window. The subject was issued a citation for littering.

CPOs Alt and Schoonoven conducted a watercraft patrol on the Rock River in Winnebago County. Six watercraft were inspected and one disabled watercraft with eight passengers was assisted with a one hour tow. Various boat operation and passenger location violations were addressed.

CPO Alt followed up on a complaint from park personnel at Rock Cut State Park involving a man driving off roadways in the park. The investigation revealed a 16 year old driver with two 15 year old female passengers and one 20 year old male passenger was involved. Graduated License Law and Administrative Rule violations were addressed with this incident.

CPO Alt received a complaint to investigate from CPO Fraser regarding a theft of labor or service and possession/consumption of alcohol in a state park where posted prohibited from the Rock Cut State Park Concession and Boat Rental. The identification information on the boat rental agreement completed by the suspect was barely legible where a fictitious address was used. The investigation resulted in CPO Alt locating the 23 year old suspect and obtained a written statement under Miranda Right Waiver only after initially lying to CPO Alt in writing regarding the offense. Charges for theft of labor or service, obstructing and unlawful possession/consumption of alcohol in a state park where posted/prohibited are pending State's Attorney approval.

CPO Alt responded to a hunter harassment complaint involving 6 dove hunters in Winnebago County. After establishing the hunters were legal, and assisting in calming the situation between the two groups, the hunters only wished the neighboring landowner to be educated and warned for hunter interference.

CPO Alt cited a South Beloit man for fishing without a fishing license along the Rockton Raceway in Winnebago County.

CPO ALT inspected 19 dove hunters during the opening weekend of dove season in Winnebago County.

While patrolling Rock Cut State Park, CPO Schoonhoven initiated a traffic stop and subsequently arrested the driver for driving while her driver's license was suspended.

District 7, Sgt. Scott Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

HENDERSON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

KNOX COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MARSHALL COUNTY

CPO Gerard completed a yearlong ginseng investigation. Four individuals were cited for multiple counts of trespassing to harvest ginseng, taking ginseng without a harvest license, and unlawfully digging ginseng during the closed season.

McDONOUGH COUNTY

CPO Reid was assigned to the annual Labor Day event at Lake Argyle State Park. The event went off without any significant problems

PEORIA COUNTY

Nothing reported.

STARK COUNTY

Nothing reported.

TAZEWELL COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WARREN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WOODFORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

<u>District 2</u> – Sgt. Rich Riedel

(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE

CPO Siedsma and CPOT Cox investigated nuisance trapping complaint, trapper has received several complaints over the past few months. Nuisance trapper refuses to call customers back even after an animal was trapped. Trapper was issued citation for failure to check traps.

CPOT Cox spoke at local Hunter Safety Course.

CPO Siedsma and CPOT Cox conducted fish enforcement on the Fox River. Several citations and warnings were issued over the past weeks for various violations.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Winters arrested a subject at Chain O' Lakes State Park who was wanted on a failure to appear warrant out of Lake County.

While patrolling Chain O' Lakes State Park over a few weekends, CPO Winters issued 10 citations and 16 written warnings for various IVC, boat, fish and park violations.

CPOs Wagner and Schreiber arrested a subject on Grass Lake for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol after the subject violated a posted no wake area. He was subsequently arrested for operating a watercraft with a BAC over 0.08%, BAC of 0.138%.

CPOs Schreiber and Wagner assisted Lake County marine deputies with a boat accident/OUI/battery case. Apparently two boats were traveling in the same direction when the operator of one boat, with three males and three females, most of who were intoxicated, cut in front of a second boat. The second boat had one male, a female, and two small children. Words were exchanged but escalated quickly when the boat with six occupants apparently rammed into the side of the second boat and tried to jump onboard. However, the operator of the second boat punched the other operator in the face causing him to fall into the water. After climbing back into his boat they proceeded to chase the

second boat and this time two subjects tried to board. According to witnesses "it looked like piracy on the Chain." This time both operators and a passenger ended up in the water. All subjects climbed back into their boats and drove to Ben Watts Marina where they were greeted by Lake County, Fox Lake, and the DNR. One subject was arrested for OUI, battery, and not having any safety equipment of the boat. A passenger in the same boat was also arrested for battery. CPOs Schreiber and Wagner assisted a young male subject on the water who apparently sliced his finger to the bone while throwing water balloons off their pontoon boat. Evidently, the young man reared back to throw and instead struck a portion of the awning, slicing his finger to the bone. The male and his mother were transported to shore where he was taken to the emergency room.

CPO Schreiber arrested a subject on the Fox River, at the Chain O' Lakes State Park boat ramp, for operating a watercraft while under the influence of alcohol. His BAC was 0.097%.

CPO Wagner while conducting boat patrol just north of Grass Lake Bridge arrested an individual for OUI with BAC .138. Individual was also cited for a no wake zone violation.

CPO Wagner while conducting Department Lands enforcement at COLSP cited 2 individuals for alcohol in prohibited area.

CPO Wagner while conducting sport fish enforcement near the Stratton Lock and Dam in McHenry cited an individual for fishing without valid fishing license.

CPO VanWiltenburg cited a subject on the Fox River for an undersized largemouth bass (9 inches). Legal minimum size limit is 14 inches.

CPO VanWiltenburg observed two subjects fishing on a pond in Grayslake after receiving a TIPS complaint recently. It was not the subjects in question, but when approached one female dropped her pole and the other dumped her bucket of fish. A 10 inch largemouth bass was recovered in the tall grass. The female that dumped the bucket was wanted on two McHenry County warrants and was transported to Lake County Jail. She was also issued a citation for the short bass.

CPO Kelley, Vaughan, and Sgt. Riedel investigated a boat accident involving a Lake County Sheriff's marine unit patrol boat. The Marine Unit patrol boat was sitting in Fox Lake when it was struck by another boat at 11:45 pm. The inexperienced boat operator was travelling between 10 and 20 mph when it struck the side of the patrol boat. One of the deputies sustained a knee injury. The operator of the offending boat was issued a citation for careless operation of a watercraft and failure to secure the battery.

CPO Kelley attended the Vernon Hills Police Expo at the mall. Various agencies from Lake County were in attendance. CPO brought one of the patrol snowmobiles and explained the duties of a Conservation Police Officer.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPO Wagner issued several citations and warnings on the Fox River for various fishing and boating violations.

CPO VanWiltenburg cited a subject who attempted to break through the locked gate at Volo Bog after being in the park after hours. She backed the vehicle into the metal gate causing substantial damage to the back of the vehicle and leaving shattered glass on the ground and bending the gate. She then disassembled the wood fence and drove through the grass and then reassembled the gate before driving off. She was tracked down and issued citations for leaving the scene of a property damage accident, damage to State property, and being in the park after hours (1 hour over).

<u>District 3</u> – Sgt. Mark Simon

(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

District 3 rivers and streams were flooded for the majority of this period and activity was less than is normal for this time of year.

GRUNDY COUNTY

CPO Wollgast continues to investigate a complicated pollution case.

KANKAKEE COUNTY

CPO Vadbunker is investigating damage to a vehicle complaint at Kankakee River State Park. A fisherman had parked his vehicle in a parking lot at the park and went fishing. When he returned he found that his vehicle had been shot in the door with a single projectile.

KENDALL COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WILL COUNTY

CPO Reid stopped an individual for littering on the DuPage River. A check with ISP revealed that he was a registered sex offender and was in a prohibited zone (Forest Preserve property). He was cited for the violation.

CPO Reid cited two individuals who were waterfowl hunting on property owned by the Forest Preserve District without permission.

CPO Reid observed two men along the DesPlaines River getting ready to go waterfowl hunting. CPO Reid discovered fresh blood and turkey feathers and an uncased shotgun inside the vehicle. The two men admitted to shooting a hen turkey from the vehicle earlier. They discarded the turkey in the weeds. The men were cited for violations that include hunting with the aid of a motor vehicle, unlawful take and possession of a turkey, and wanton waste. The shotgun was seized.

CPO Reid was checking a lake where a trespass complaint has been signed by the owner. A male fisherman was observed fishing without permission and when police approached he ran from police. The man was later found at his residence a short time later through some nice detective work from CPO Reid and cited for fishing without permission and for obstructing a police officer.

CPO Honiotes handled a boating accident on the Kankakee River. Two subjects went out on the river which was flooded. They attempted to anchor from the stern of the boat and the boat was quickly pulled under the water due to the improper anchoring. The two men made it to the shore without injury.

CPOs Bergland, Mieure, Honiotes, Reid and Sgt. Simon responded to a call of missing kayakers on the Mazon River in the Morris Wetlands. A subject that had been kayaking with two other kayakers reported that the other two had not returned as planned and he feared for their safety. The river was flooded at the time. A search ensued for the missing kayakers and after 90 minutes they were located at their residences. They had decided to beach their kayaks and just walk home.

CPO Honiotes patrolled various properties in Will County in preparation for the upcoming archery deer hunting season, discovering bait and multiple stands on private property that do not allow hunting.

CPO Honiotes performed boat safety inspections at various locations throughout Will County, discovering violations of no type IV PFD, operation over capacity and unlawful taking of mussels. Five written warnings were issued.

CPO Honiotes issued 4 written warnings for criminal trespass to real property to a group of teenagers swimming at a clearly posted private quarry.

District 4 – Sgt. Bill Shannon

(Counties: Cook & DuPage)

COOK COUNTY

CPO Mooi issued a citation to a man for poisoning skunks and raccoons, and a written warning was issued for nuisance animal trapping without a nuisance animal removal permit. The man informed CPO Mooi and CPOT Poffenberger that he was "outraged that he received a ticket but 'killary' gets off scott free"...

CPO Mooi was patrolling The Chicago River when he observed a man seated on the sun deck of a small vessel underway in the river. CPO Mooi politely told the man to sit in the seat while the vessel was in motion. The man complied. Approximately 10 minutes later CPO Mooi observed the man seated on the sun deck again, upon noticing the Conservation Police boat the man sat back in the seat. CPO Mooi waited until the vessel passed to turn the CPO boat in order to stop the vessel and speak with the man. Upon bringing the other vessel into view again, CPO Mooi observed the man sitting on the sun deck again. A stop was made and a citation was issued for a passenger location violation.

CPO Mooi is investigating a boat accident in Lake Michigan. All parties involved have been identified and charges for operation of a watercraft without certificate of title, operation of unnumbered watercraft, as well as leaving the scene and failure to report a personal injury boat accident are awaiting felony approval by the Cook County State's Attorney's Office.

CPO Mooi observed a vessel leaving the mooring area near City Winery on the Chicago River. While the boat was turning to head towards the Chicago River Lock a man walked out onto the swim-deck of the boat and grabbed a drink out of a cooler. A stop was made for a passenger location violation. After speaking with the operator and occupants, the operator of the vessel was arrested for operating a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. A breath sample was provided and indicated a BAC of .130.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Lake Michigan when he observed a vessel traveling near Navy Pier with no navigational Lights on after sunset. A stop was made and a citation was issued for the offense.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme responded to a "Pan Pan" call on the Chicago River near Van Buren along with the U.S. Coast Guard, Chicago Police and Chicago Fire to reports of a woman jumping into the water. The woman was recovered and transported to Northwestern Hospital.

CPO Mooi and CPO Klemme responded to a person in the water call with Chicago Police Department on the Chicago River near Michigan Avenue.

CPO Mooi was conducting a boat patrol on Lake Michigan when he observed a boat with no registration; an inspection was done and the owner of the boat admitted to not registering the boat since 2009. A citation was issued for no registration and a warning for not having a visual distress signal on board.

CPO Mooi was patrolling the Des Plaines River with CPOT Poffenberger when they located a man fishing without a license near a railroad crossing. The man was issued a citation for fishing without a license.

CPO Mooi was conducting a boat patrol on Lake Michigan when he observed two yellow wave-runners inside the "Playpen". One of the operators was creating a large wake and came within 5 feet of another wave-runner while doing "donuts" in the water. Both wave-runners had children on board. The wave-runner was also observed jumping the wakes of large boats inside the "Playpen" between highly congested boat traffic and anchored boats. The operator that

was doing donuts was stopped and issued a citation for reckless operation of a watercraft.

CPO Mooi observed a large vessel on the Chicago River with a passengers standing on the swim deck. The vessel also had no visible registration. The vessel was stopped and an inspection completed. The operator was issued a citation for operation of an unnumbered watercraft and a written warning for a passenger location violation

CPO Mooi responded to a person in the water call from Coast Guard Sector, Lake Michigan. The call came out as a swimmer in distress inside the Playpen. CPO Klemme navigated the Conservation Police boat through heavily congested waters and the CPOs were able to locate the swimmer in distress. The swimmer was visibly having trouble staying above water. CPO Mooi deployed a throw bag and was able to land it directly in the swimmers arms. The swimmer held on with a very light grip but CPOs were able to get him near the boat. CPO Mooi and CPO Macias were able to bring the swimmer on board and return him to his vessel. The man was uninjured and refused medical attention.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at an IDNR property when he clocked a vehicle driving over twice the posted speed limit. The vehicle was also observed disobeying a stop sign. A stop of the vehicle was made and it was learned the driver was a parolee and documented street gang member. The subject was cited.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at Lake Michigan when he observed a personal watercraft being operated at much greater than no wake speed within feet of a public launch ramp. The aforementioned personal watercraft was also observed creating a large wake in a posted no wake area. Contact with the operator was made and enforcement action was taken.

CPO Whitchurch was on patrol at an IDNR property when he observed a subject blatantly litter in plain view of CPO Whitchurch. CPO Whitchurch walked over to the subject and picked up the litter as it was blowing in the wind. The subject was issued a citation for the littering violation.

CPO Whitchurch received a complaint regarding three to four male subjects displaying and discharging semi-automatic pistols inside an IDNR State Fish and Wildlife Area. CPO Whitchurch responded to the scene with assistance from the Chicago Police Department after getting descriptions of the subjects and the vehicle involved. While CPO Whitchurch and Chicago Police were making their way to the eastern portion of the State Fish and Wildlife Area where the incident was reported, all law enforcement personnel on scene were passed by a vehicle matching the description belonging to the offenders. The vehicle was occupied by three male subjects. A stop of the vehicle was made and the occupants were removed in a safe manner. Two authentic looking black air/BB guns were removed from the vehicle. One was found under the front driver's seat and the second was located under the rear passenger seat. The three occupants admitted to shooting the guns at cans and bottles which were floating on the water in the lake. All three subjects were issued multiple citations and will appear in court at a later date.

CPO Whitchurch stopped a vehicle on IDNR property after the vehicle was clocked driving over double the posted speed limit. When the traffic stop was made it was learned the registration on the vehicle was months expired. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch investigated the unlawful abandonment of a watercraft after it was reported being left partially submerged in Lake Michigan waters. The investigation is ongoing.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger conducted sport fishing enforcement at Chicago Park District lagoons in the south side of Chicago. A total of two citations and three written warnings were issue which pertained to sport fishing license violations.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger investigated a reported fish kill located at Bubbly Creek in Chicago. The investigation revealed low oxygen levels caused Gizzard Shad to die off. No other fish species were reported or observed killed.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger observed two persons operating personal watercrafts after sunset and before sunrise on Lake Michigan. Contact with both operators was made and they admitted they knew the laws and just used bad judgment and were out too late. Citations were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger completed a boat safety inspection on a motorboat on Lake Michigan. The inspection revealed there was no fire extinguisher on board, no sounding device on board, and no visual distress signals on board. A citation and two written warnings were issued.

CPO Whitchurch and CPOT Poffenberger were on patrol at a Chicago Park District Lagoon enforcing sport fishing regulations in the South Side of Chicago. Both officers observed two male subjects fishing from down the lagoon shoreline. Both subjects were observed fishing with twice as many lines in the water as allowed by law. When the officers got closer to the subjects and the subjects realized the officers were there, one of the subjects hurriedly picked up one of his poles, reeled in the line, and tossed the entire fishing pole into the bushes. Both subjects admitted to knowing what the allotted line amounts were. Both subjects were issued citations for unlawfully fishing with too many lines.

CPO Whitchurch and CPO Poffenberger were on patrol at Lake Michigan when they observed two subjects salmon fishing. When one of the subjects saw one of the officers, he immediately ceased fishing, broke down his pole, and stuffed his fishing pole into the backpack of his friend fishing beside him. Once that subject saw that another CPO was standing directly behind him he admitted to unlawfully salmon fishing without a valid sport fishing license and not having a valid Lake Michigan Salmon Stamp. A citation and a written warning were issued.

CPO Whitchurch was checking sport fishermen at a Lake Michigan Harbor Pier when he observed two persons cease fishing and pack up their fishing gear and attempt to walk off the Pier while CPO Whitchurch was checking other fisherman. CPO Whitchurch made contact with both subjects as they walked off the Pier. Fishing licenses were requested from both individuals. One of the subjects had a valid fishing license but the second subject did not have a valid sport fishing license. The subject was cited for unlawful fishing without valid sport fishing license.

CPO Macias was assigned a Department Lands patrol inside William Powers Stat Fish and Wildlife Area. CPO Macias noticed a white pickup truck not come to a complete stop at the entrance of the park. A traffic stop was initiated and the driver was asked for his license but he could not produce one. He had never had one issued to him in over 12 years of living in the United States. A citation for operation of a motor vehicle without a valid driver's license and a written warning for disobeying a traffic control device were issued.

CPO Macias met with a subject of an ongoing boat accident investigation and issued him a citation for careless operation of a PWC (personal watercraft) and a written warning for failure to display valid registration on his PWC

CPO Macias was patrolling at Montrose Harbor when he noticed a male and female fishing. When checked, only the female produced a valid license, the male said he was not fishing; they were both students at a local high school. CPO Macias asked the male the same question only this time asking for the truth. The young male admitted to fishing without a license, a written warning was issued and a promise of acquiring his fishing license was given. Several hours later CPO Macias checked the status and the young man kept his promise.

CPO Macias was checking fishermen at Burnham Harbor when he came upon a (suspected) Chinese born individual. When asked for his license, the subject looked at the CPO with bewilderment in his eyes; both CPO and subject spent 20-45 minutes trying to decipher each other's responses/expressions. CPO Macias downloaded phone applications to assist and exhausted **EVERY** Asian-based language stored in the downloaded application, but it was no use. The subject tried in vain (so the CPO assumes) to call anyone in his contact list to try and translate but he could reach no one (CPO assumption). Both CPO and subject tried through hand drawn diagrams, manual gestures, and what seemed like interpretive dancing but there was no way of conveying information between the two. As CPO Macias was breaking

contact, the subject produced a 2014 fishing license that had probably been washed several times in a pair of jeans, it had an IDNR customer number. CPO Macias used the customer number to find that the subject indeed did have a valid 2016-2017 license. A written warning was issued for not having a license in possession, CPO Macias made an appointment to visit his local library and check out the Rosetta Stone collection...

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger were checking fishermen in the Chicago harbors and came across an individual who did not speak any English. The subject produced a salmon stamp but no fishing license. After using his customer number it was determined this individual did not purchase a current year fishing license. A citation was issued and later the subject's daughter called CPO Macias and he explained the process for ensuring the citation is completed.

CPO Macias and CPOT Poffenberger were on a boat patrol inside Burnham Harbor and came across a subject who did not have any life jackets on board, had no fire extinguisher, no auditory signal, and a 12 year old was on board. When asked about each of these violations, the subject had no idea what he had done wrong. A citation was issued and several warnings as well.

DUPAGE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

LAKE COUNTY

CPO Mooi was patrolling Illinois Beach State Park when he observed a male standing near the water north of the park office. CPO Mooi approached and noticed another man there as well. CPO Mooi stood approximately 10 feet from the subjects while they continuously looked around before taking turns drinking out of a bottle of Jim Beam and a 2-liter bottle of Coca-Cola. The man began stumbling towards the water and CPO Mooi made contact with the individuals. A citation was issued for possession of alcohol on the beach.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Illinois Beach State Park near the Dead River when he observed a man lying on a log near the edge of the prairie sunbathing nude. A citation was issued to the 67 year old man for sunbathing nude at the beach.

CPO Mooi was patrolling Illinois Beach State Park when a park employee informed him that a family complained of people consuming alcohol on the main beach. CPO Mooi responded to the beach but was unable to locate the subjects described by the employee. While speaking with visitors, CPO Mooi observed a group of people opening glass beer bottles near the water. Contact was made and a citation was issued for possession of alcohol where prohibited.

CPO Mooi and CPO Vaughan were approached by a visitor getting ready to leave the park. The visitor pointed out the subjects described by the park employee. Contact was made with the individuals and a citation was issued for possession of alcohol where prohibited.

CPO Mooi and CPO Vaughan were patrolling the Illinois Beach State Park south beach when they observed three individuals sitting and watching the waves. CPO Mooi was able to smell the odor of burnt cannabis and headed towards the individuals. Beer bottles were in the sand around the individuals and in the cup holders of their chairs. When one of the individuals noticed the CPOs approaching, he tossed a cannabis cigarette into the lake. Citations were issued for pollution of a waterway and possession of alcohol where prohibited.

CPO Vaughan, CPO Farber, Officer W. Bogdola (Winthrop Harbor Police) and K9 "Lando" conducted a boat patrol on Lake Michigan looking for impaired operators and illegal drugs. Several citations and warnings were issued.

CPO Vaughan responded to an intoxicated female in the Illinois Beach State Park Campground. The subject was conscious but unresponsive and later transported to Vista East Hospital to be checked out.

CPO Vaughan issued several citations for alcohol in a restricted area at Illinois Beach State Park.

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

<u>District 11</u> – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Moody cited an Indiana man at Lincoln Trail State Park after his dog attacked and killed another camper's dog.

COLES COUNTY

CPO Moody cited three Mattoon men for possession of cannabis and various fishing violations at Lake Paradise.

CPO Moody wrote several fishing citations at various Coles County bodies of water.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

CPO Barnes arrested a Greenup subject for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol at Lake Mattoon. The subject's BAC was .174.

CPO Greuel cited a Mattoon Juvenile in Cumberland County after stopping him speeding 80 mph in a 55 mph zone. Subject was also cited for no valid driver's license and no mandatory insurance.

DOUGLAS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EDGAR COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

CPO Greuel and CPO Cottrell responded to and investigated a single PWC (Personal Watercraft) accident on Lake Shelbyville in Moultrie County. The PWC, operated by a Joliet man, ejected a juvenile female passenger, also from Joliet, causing injuries requiring hospitalization.

CPO Greuel and CPOT Ausmus cited a Mount Carroll minor on Lake Shelbyville in Moultrie County for unlawful consumption of alcohol by a minor. The boat operator, a Monticello man was cited for unlawful gift or sale of alcohol to a minor.

CPO Greuel cited a Mattoon man for speeding, 81 mph in a 55 mph zone in Moultrie County.

SHELBY COUNTY

CPOs Moody and Barnes cited a Mattoon woman at the Lake Mattoon Dam for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis while checking fishermen.

CPO Moody cited multiple people for various boating violations.

CPO Barnes cited a Mattoon subject for possession of drug paraphernalia and cannabis at the Lake Mattoon spillway.

CPO Barnes cited a Springfield subject for possession of a short walleye at the Lake Shelbyville spillway.

Sgt. McReynolds cited a Decatur man for speeding on Rte 128 in Shelby County and a written warning for passing at an intersection.

CPO Greuel cited a Chicago man in Shelby County for dove hunting with an unplugged shotgun. Subject was warned for retaining a live dove.

CPO Greuel and CPOT Ausmus cited a Tolono man on Lake Shelbyville in Shelby County for unlawful entry with a watercraft into a restricted area.

CPO Greuel and CPOT Ausmus cited a Mattoon man on Lake Shelbyville in Shelby County for operation of a watercraft under the influence of alcohol. Subject's BAC was .160%.

CPO Greuel and CPO Barnes cited several subjects for unlawful entry into a closed area at Wolf Creek State Park in Shelby County.

CPO Greuel cited an Effingham man for speeding 81 mph in a 55 mph zone in Shelby County.

<u>District 19</u> – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford located a Rantoul man fishing the city pond in Rantoul. After talking with the man they found that he had no valid sportfishing license. The individual was issued a citation for the offense.

CPO Reeves and CPOT Ausmus made an arrest of a Champaign man for purposely running over several geese in Champaign. They received a complaint from a woman who observed the crime. She took pictures of the vehicle and driver on her cell phone.

DEWITT COUNTY

On September 5th Sgt. Williamson and CPO Viverito were performing boat safety inspections at Clinton Lake. They observed a motor boat with an occupant under the age of 13 not in a life jacket. An investigation ensued which led to the man's arrest for operating under the influence. He registered a .147% on the RBT IV.

Sgt. Williamson observed suspicious behavior at the Clinton Recreation Area. Sgt. Williamson and CPO Viverito arrived at the shelter and found a white male who appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance. The man was taken back to his campsite. Upon arriving at the site the Officers immediately located several contraband items. A total of 3 arrests and six citations were issued for cannabis under 10 grams and drug paraphernalia.

Sgt. Williamson and CPO Graden worked teal hunters on the opening day on Clinton Lake. Several groups were checked and 4 written warnings were issued.

FORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Sgt. Williamson and CPOT Ausmus assisted Iroquois FWA staff with the drawing for the dove opener.

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MACON COUNTY

While checking fishermen on the Sangamon River, CPO Wright arrested a Decatur man with a failure to appear warrant. The man was taken to Macon County jail.

CPO Viverito and CPO Reeves attended the Criminal Interdiction Conference in Decatur.

McLEAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PIATT COUNTY

Nothing reported.

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell and CPOT Sanford located two Indiana residents unlawfully harvesting Ginseng on the Harry Babe Woodard State Natural Area in South East Vermilion County. A total of 6 citations were issued, and the seized Ginseng root was later transferred to a U of I Naturalist at Allerton Park for replanting in central Illinois.

During the holiday weekend CPO Cottrell issued a total of 23 tickets and warnings for park, boat, and fish violations in Vermilion County.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

<u>District 9</u> – Sgt. Mark Wagner

 $(Counties:\ Adams,\ Brown,\ Calhoun,\ Greene,\ Hancock,\ Jersey,\ Macoupin,\ Pike\ \&$

Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

BROWN COUNTY

Nothing reported

CALHOUN COUNTY

Nothing reported

GREENE COUNTY

Nothing reported

HANCOCK COUNTY

Nothing reported

JERSEY COUNTY

Nothing reported

MACOUPIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SCOTT COUNTY

Nothing reported.

SCHUYLER COUNTY

Nothing reported.

<u>District 10</u> – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

CASS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran recovered 4 illegal tree stands from Sangchris Lake State Park property. These stands were either put up too early or left up from the previous hunting season. Tree stands must be removed at the end of each day with the exception that tree stands may be left unattended from September 15 through January 31. Any tree stand left unattended must be legibly marked with the owner's name, address, and telephone number, or site assigned identification number.

CPO Cochran appeared at the Lake Taylorville Waterfowl/Deer Draw to speak with the hunters about ethical hunting and respecting surrounding landowners' property.

LOGAN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MASON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MENARD COUNTY

CPO Bettis attended a Hunter Safety course in Menard County educating 25 students on hunting and safety regulations in Illinois.

MORGAN COUNTY

CPOs Wichern and Snodgrass received a complaint on opening day of dove season about a house being hit by shotgun pellets from a dove field across the roadway from the dwelling. CPOs determined two of the eight dove hunters were hunting within 100 yds of the dwelling and had shot across the roadway, peppering the house and outbuildings with shot pellets. CPOs checked the property for damages and cited the hunters for the violations.

CPOs Wichern and Snodgrass witnessed a dove hunter shoot a dove across a county road and fail to attempt to retrieve the bird. CPOs approached and discovered two dove hunters in a fence line throwing doves from one pile to another. It

was determined that both hunters had already taken both their daily limit of 15 doves and were continuing to hunt. CPOs located several additional downed doves and cited the hunters for the violations.

CPOs Wichern and Snodgrass handled 3 consecutive boat accidents on the Illinois River near the Morgan/Scott County line Labor Day weekend. It was determined three 25ft+ pleasure boats were traveling single file up river from their launch at Naples when they all hit the same large submerged deadhead between the shore and the red buoys. None of the 21 passengers on the three boats were injured but all three vessels were towed in due to major lower unit damage. The river was very high on the holiday weekend due to excessive rains at the end of August which contributed to obstructing the deadhead from view.

SANGAMON COUNTY

CPO Cochran received a disposition on a subject which pleaded guilty to 2 of the 6 charges to a negotiated plea, was fined in the amount of \$232 and paid restitution to the Illinois Conservation Foundation in the amount of \$1500. In addition, the subject's hunting privileges are suspended for a period of 22 months. All evidence seized was court ordered to be forfeited to the IDNR to include six sets of whitetail deer mounts and a crossbow. Four of the mounts were donated to the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office for display purposes.

Back in May, CPO Cochran received a complaint of a lost junk boat on the Sangamon River near the Illiopolis bridge. CPO Cochran made several attempts to contact the last registered owner but was unsuccessful. The boat was subsequently destroyed in accordance with policy and law.

CPO Swance attended a Hunter Safety course in Sangamon County educating 100 students on hunting and safety regulations in Illinois.

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

Nothing reported.

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Matt Lentz cited a subject for taking a wood duck out of season at Whitetail access.

CPO Matt Lentz cited two subjects for shooting at teal before legal time of sunrise at Whitetail access on Carlyle Lake.

CPO Matt Lentz cited two subjects for shooting at teal before the legal time of sunrise at Pigg access on Carlyle Lake.

CPO Tapley and CPOT Knop checked teal hunters at Carlyle Lake. After watching a group shoot at some mallards, the two officers checked the group. One wood duck was found in their possession and a mallard hen was found under a submerged log. All four hunters in the group were issued citations.

CPO Tapley and CPO Schachner checked teal hunters at Carlyle Lake. One citation for shooting before hunting hours and three written warnings were issued to different hunters for various violations.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO Liebl discussed conservation law and the responsibilities of a Conservation Police Officer at a Hunter Safety class to approximately 70 students in Worden.

CPO Liebl was working Horseshoe Lake State Park when he observed a vehicle driving towards the campground area of the park. A check of the registration showed the registered owner did not have a valid driver's license. CPO Liebl drove into the campgrounds and located the vehicle parked at a campsite. Both occupants were found in the back of the vehicle in various states of undress. This was occurring about 4:30 in the afternoon while it was still light out. The occupants were told to get dressed and exit the vehicle. Neither occupant had a required camping permit to be in the area. A check of the driver showed he had a suspended driver's license and was also a registered sex offender. The driver was arrested for driving on a suspended license and for unlawful presence of a registered sex offender in a park. Both he and the passenger were warned for being in a restricted area without a valid permit. The driver was told not to come back to this or any other area restricted by his registered sex offender status.

CPO Liebl was working the Horseshoe Lake State Park campgrounds when he observed some archery targets set up at a campsite. The vehicle at the campsite had New York plates on the vehicle. CPO Liebl knocked on the camping trailer and spoke with a male at the site. Since no one was seen shooting a bow (which is prohibited) the man was informed of the rules for the park. A couple days later, CPO Liebl drove back past the campsite and saw the male shooting his bow at the campsite. When he saw CPO Liebl he tried to quickly hide inside his trailer. The man was ordered out of the trailer and arrested for unlawfully using archery equipment where prohibited. A check of the man showed he was from Alaska and wanted in 7 northwestern states but was outside the limits of the warrant in Illinois. Two days later, CPO Liebl was informed that when the man left, he left a large amount of trash at the campsite and he did not pay for several days while he was camping. Additional charges for the two latest offenses will be filed against the camper.

MONROE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

CPO Matt Lentz cited two subjects in Fillmore for failure to maintain separate bag limits.

CPO Matt Lentz cited two subjects at Coffeen Lake for fishing without valid fishing licenses.

CPO Matt Lentz cited a subject in Greenville for improper use of registration, no valid insurance, and for no valid registration.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

CPO Ray, CPO Sievers and CPOT Knop were on a department issued marked patrol boat, working recreational boating enforcement. They observed a yellow or white watercraft on plane, traveling north, creating a large wake in the posted no wake area. The operator was arrested for operation of watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and with a BAC over .08.

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ray arrested a subject operating a motor vehicle at Frank Holten State Park. The operator was issued a citation for driving while license suspended, failing to wear his seatbelt and a written warning for speeding.

CPO Ray received an anonymous call informing him of three individuals who were waterfowl hunting, taking Wood Ducks during closed season. CPO Charles was near the area and contacted to assist with the complaint. The hunters stated they had only duck hunted a few times and were not very good at identifying ducks. They thought all the ducks they were shooting at were Teal. The guys across the field started yelling and cursing at them and told them to stop shooting Wood Ducks. One hunter stated he was the only one to kill a duck and he thought it was a Teal when he shot it. They utilized their phones and later identified the duck as a Wood Duck. He got nervous and tossed the Wood Duck in the weeds. The subjects received citations for hunting on railroad property without permission and written warnings for attempting to take Wood Ducks during closed season. One hunter was issued a citation for taking a Wood Duck during closed season and hunting without permission of Illinois railroad.

CPO Ray and CPO Charles were patrolling the Kaskaskia River when they observed a Jon boat riding with the bow of the watercraft low in the water. The watercraft was occupied by a male operator, two females and one male passenger. CPOs made contact with the operator and observed his bloodshot eyes and a very strong odor of alcohol. There were two large coolers on the bow floor of the watercraft. CPOs asked the operator to show them a fire extinguisher and whistle; the operator took a deep breath, glanced under the driver's console, looked at us and shrugged his shoulders. The operator leaned back on the operator's seat and was very relaxed. The operator dropped his 12 oz aluminum beer bottle during the slow meticulous standing up process. He stated he only had three large drinks of Jim Beam and Coke. The operator was arrested for operation of watercraft while under the influence of alcohol and BAC over .08.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

OTHER:

FAYETTE COUNTY - CPO Liebl, CPO Lentz, and CPOT Tripp were working teal hunters at a hunting access area off Carlyle Lake when they heard a group of hunters shoot about 10 minutes early. While walking in to the group, they shot again about 3 minutes early. Each of the 5 hunters was issued a citation for unlawfully shooting prior to legal shooting times.

CPO Matt Lentz cited two subjects for taking teal before legal shooting time of sunrise at parking lot #2 at Carlyle lake sub-impoundments.

ALASKA - CPO French spent the past 10 days on the Alaskan coast line monitoring Humpback Whales and Stellar Sea Lions. No arrests were made on either group due to not reaching their limit of herring.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPOs Johnson and Schoenhoff observed a watercraft violation and stopped a pontoon boat in Sandusky Cove at Rend Lake. CPO Johnson arrested the operator for OUI. The subject's BAC was .097%, over the legal limit of .08%.

GALLATIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Lay issued a citation to a dove hunter opening day for having an unplugged shotgun.

CPO Lay also issued 4 written warnings during the first day of dove season for windshield card violations and no HIP numbers.

HARDIN COUNTY

Nothing reported.

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Folden was on Rend Lake Wildlife Management Area's Big Muddy Sub impoundment well before legal Teal hunting hours ready to enter the area. A hunter with small children approached CPO Folden and attempted to verbally

intimidate him from entering the "buck creek" area. The subject, not knowing Folden is a CPO, said his brother was in Buck Creek and there were at least 6 boats there. He also stated he had contacted CPO Tim Lay because hunters in the Buck Creek area were sitting up too close (within 200 yards). The 200 yard regulation only pertains to regular waterfowl season. CPO Folden did not give up his identity and entered the area to observe. Shortly after legal shooting time CPO Folden had observed no violations and made contact with some hunters. The first group CPO Folden encountered was the same hunters that were present at the launch. CPO Folden explained to the hunters that although he observed no violations, their actions were not appropriate or a demonstration of good sportsmen like conduct. CPO Folden also had a complaint from another off duty law enforcement officer whom observed these hunters trying to reserve hunting spots by hanging a light in a tree. The hunters were surprised to see CPO Folden and were not able to justify their actions as being appropriate.

CPO Folden heard shots in an area away from where he was working on the first morning of Teal season. CPO Folden looked at his watch and documented the shots were at 6:03 a.m. CPO Folden later contacted some hunters in the area that were able to direct him to the hunters who shot early. When CPO Folden asked the hunters who shot first in the area, they all replied proudly "we did". CPO Folden asked what time they shot. They told CPO Folden "1/2 hour before sunrise 6:01 a.m." CPO Folden explained legal shooting time for teal was sunrise. The hunters told CPO Folden they were sorry. CPO Folden issued 3 citations for shooting before legal shooting hours, 1 written warning for hunting without a state waterfowl stamp, and 1 written warning to a youth hunter for shooting before legal shooting hours.

POPE COUNTY

CPO Johnson was working teal hunters early Saturday morning. At approximately 6 a.m. ISP requested any available unit to assist with an active shooter in Massac County. The subject was wanted on a Federal U.S. Marshall warrant and had fled the Kentucky police the previous night. The subject made it to Brookport and reportedly broke into a home and fired shots at a resident in the area with a pistol. CPO Johnson, ISP and the Pope County Sheriff arrived at the residence and helped secure a perimeter. The subject had barricaded himself in some brush outside the house and was unable to be located. Multiple attempts were made to have the subject end the confrontation peacefully. He then fired a shot at the officers. CPO Johnson identified his location and called for assistance over the radio. Additional units arrived and the subject attempted to flee the area. The subject was attempting to flee into the woods. ISP troopers located the subject and the confrontation ended with the subject being fatally shot.

SALINE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WHITE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

OTHER: Four District 14 CPOs and the Sgt. documented over 50 enforcement violations and incidents over the Labor Day weekend stemming from hunting, boating, park enforcement and responses to other incidents.

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

Nothing reported.

CRAWFORD COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EDWARDS COUNTY

Nothing reported.

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

CPO Smith was traveling northbound on Highway 37 and observed a green ATV traveling southbound on Highway 37. CPO Smith stopped the ATV in Edgewood and learned the subject had a suspended driver's license. The subject was cited for operating an ATV on the highway and driving while suspended.

FAYETTE COUNTY

On the opening weekend of Teal season, CPO Compton issued multiple citations and warnings while working Fayette County. Violations: 3 subjects with unplugged shotguns, 5 subjects shooting early, 1 subject unlawfully taking a wood duck and several license and stamp violations.

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Smith was working at Newton Lake and issued one written warning to a watercraft operator for battery cover and one written warning for a PFD violation. CPO Smith issued a written warning to a fisherman for fishing without a sport fish license.

CPO D. Taylor checked multiple dove hunters at Sam Parr State Park. He found one hunter hunting with an unplugged shotgun.

CPO Smith received information from Sgt. Hyatt concerning a boat operator who was running a large motor on the lake earlier in the day. The motor size limit is 25cc. CPO Smith and Sgt. Hyatt found the boat and issued the operator a citation for using a motor over 25cc. The motor on the boat was 225cc.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MARION COUNTY

CPO Smith observed four ATVs sitting on the side of Meechum Road. CPO Smith approached the ATVs and activated his emergency lights. CPO Smith managed to stop all 4 ATVs and educated them on IVC laws concerning ATVs. CPO Smith issued 4 warnings for operating ATVs on the roadway.

RICHLAND COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WABASH COUNTY

Nothing reported.

WAYNE COUNTY

Nothing reported.

District 16 – Sgt. Kris Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

Nothing reported.

JACKSON COUNTY

CPO Lewis and Sgt Taylor cited a subject on Kinkaid Lake for failure to release an undersized crappie. There is a nine inch size limit on the lake and the fisherman was in possession of two crappie under nine inches. The fisherman was also warned for unlawful taking of sportfish with a commercial device. He had been using the net to catch small bluegill he was planning on using for bait.

CPOs Vasicek, Sommers, and Knop worked a waterfowl detail, on Shawnee National Forest property, working teal hunters. Hunters were observed unlawfully taking non-game species: killdeer and barn swallow birds. Upon contact the subjects stated that they knew it was unlawful to shoot the birds. Subjects were cited.

While patrolling around the Kinkaid State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Mohrman was informed by hikers that a car was unlawfully parked in a restricted area. As CPO Mohrman began to head back to this area he was met with a small compact car coming down the rugged road. Unbelievably this vehicle had made it back and more importantly out of this rough country. The college student stated that he had only drove his small car back this route to get closer to Lake Kinkaid to go swimming and knew he could make it with this vehicle because he is an auto tech student at SIU-C. The subject was issued a citation for off-roading on state property.

CPO Mohrman attended the annual youth dove hunt in rural Carbondale. The CPO addressed the attendees on a review of the gun safety rules and answered questions regarding the upcoming hunting season.

JOHNSON COUNTY

Nothing reported.

MASSAC COUNTY

Nothing reported.

PERRY COUNTY

CPO Lewis assisted the Perry County Sheriff's Department with a traffic crash which resulted in a fatality. While the crash was being investigated, a friend of the victim was driving to the scene at a high rate of speed and crashed into a ditch. CPO Lewis assisted the sheriff's department by handling that crash investigation. No citations or warnings were issued due to the circumstances.

CPO Lewis arrested a subject in Perry County for driving 95 mph in a 55 mph zone near Pyramid State Park in Perry County.

PULASKI COUNTY

Nothing reported.

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek assisted Illinois state Police and Union County on manhunt for a subject who fled into a remote area after a burglary in progress was disrupted. Multiple subjects were taken into custody at the scene. The one that escaped fired rounds from a handgun as he fled. A large perimeter was set up on an extremely dense area at the time of this report.

CPOs Vasicek and Knop located and documented a baited dove field in Union county. The following day CPO Vasicek located a hunter on the field harvesting doves. After a walk around the field and interview, the subject stated that he had supplemented the field with approximately 50 pounds of wheat seed. Charges pending

WILLIAMSON COUNTY

CPO Somers and Sgt. Taylor patrolled Lake of Egypt over the weekend. Minor boating violations were documented with written warnings.